

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Assessment
Environmental Planning Division

Waste Tires Amendments
(LAC 33:VII.10505, 10509, 10519, 10521, 10535, and 10537) (SW039E)

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B), and under the authority of R.S. 30:2011, the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality declares that an emergency action is necessary in order to strengthen the regulations that will ensure proper processing, recycling, marketing, and disposal of waste tires generated in Louisiana. Waste tires that are not processed, recycled, and marketed in accordance with LAC 33:VII.Chapter 105 create environmental and health-related problems and pose a significant threat to the safety of the community. In particular, improper handling of waste tires results in breeding grounds for mosquitoes, fostering West Nile and other mosquito born diseases in the environment. The elimination of breeding areas for mosquitoes will reduce the exposure to these insects and the serious health problems associated therewith.

The Waste Tire Management Fund, established to temporarily subsidize the processing, recycling, and marketing of waste tires, has not been generating sufficient funds to provide for the proper processing, recycling, and marketing of waste tires. The failure to provide sufficient funds for the waste tire program may result in the resumption of illegal tire disposal, precipitating an increase in breeding areas for disease carrying vectors and endangering the health of the public and the aesthetics of the environment.

This Emergency Rule is effective on July 30, 2004, for all portions of this rule other than the provisions pertaining to the collection of the fee. The collection of the fee is effective on September 15, 2004, in order to provide sufficient time for those who are subject to collecting the fee to register with the department and implement the systems necessary to comply with the rule. The rule shall remain in effect for a maximum of 120 days or until a final rule is promulgated, whichever occurs first. For more information concerning SW039E, you may contact the Regulation Development Section at (225) 219-3550.

Adopted this 30th day of July, 2004.

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Title 33
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Part VII. Solid Waste

Subpart 2. Recycling

Chapter 105. Waste Tires

§10505. Definitions

A. The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in conjunction with the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

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Motor Vehicle Dealer—any person, business, or firm registered with the state of Louisiana that engages in the commercial sale of new motor vehicles.

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Recapped or Retreaded Tire—any tire that has been reconditioned from a used tire and sold for use on a motor vehicle.

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Sale of a Motor Vehicle—any sale and/or lease of a motor vehicle that would require registration, under the name of the consumer, with the Louisiana Department of Motor Vehicles.

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Tire Dealer—any person, business, or firm that engages in the sale of ~~new~~ tires, including *recapped or retreaded tires*, for use on motor vehicles.

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Waste Tire—a whole tire that is no longer suitable for its original purpose because of wear, damage, or defect. *Waste tire* does not include a tire weighing over 500 pounds and/or a solid tire.

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§10509. Prohibitions and Mandatory Provisions

A. - G. ...

H. All persons who sell ~~new~~-tires shall retain and make available for inspection, audit, copying, and examination, a record of all tire transactions in sufficient detail to be of value in determining the correct amount of fee due from such persons. The records retained shall include all sales invoices, purchase orders, inventory records, and shipping records pertaining to any and all sales and purchases of tires. This recordkeeping provision does not require anything more than what is already required by R.S. 47:309(A).

I. Each tire wholesaler shall maintain a record of all ~~new~~-tire sales made to dealers in this state. This recordkeeping provision does not require anything more than what is already required by R.S. 47:309(A). These records shall contain and include the name and address of each tire purchaser and the number of tires sold to that purchaser.

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§10519. Standards and Responsibilities of Generators of Waste Tires

A. ...

B. Tire dealers must accept one waste tire for every ~~new~~-tire sold from the purchaser of the ~~new~~-tire at the time of purchase, unless the purchaser elects to retain the waste tire.

C. Each tire dealer doing business in the state of Louisiana shall be responsible for the collection of the \$2 waste tire fee upon the sale of each ~~new~~-passenger/light truck tire, \$5 waste tire fee upon the sale of each ~~new~~-medium truck tire, and \$10 waste tire fee upon the sale of each ~~new~~-off-road tire. For recapped or retreaded tires, a waste tire fee of \$1.25 shall be collected upon the sale of each recapped or retreaded tire. ~~No fee shall be collected on tires weighing more than 500 pounds or solid tires.~~ *Tire dealers* includes any dealer selling ~~new~~-tires in Louisiana.

D. - E.1. ...

2. "All Louisiana tire dealers are required to collect a waste tire cleanup and recycling fee of \$2 for each passenger/light truck tire, \$5 for each medium truck tire, and \$10 for each off-road tire, upon sale of each ~~new~~-tire. These fees shall also be collected upon replacement of all recall and adjustment tires. Tire fee categories are defined in the Waste Tire Regulations. No fee shall be collected on tires weighing more than 500 pounds or solid tires. This fee must be collected whether or not the purchaser retains the waste tires. Tire dealers must accept from the purchaser, at the time of sale, one waste tire for every ~~new~~-tire sold, unless the purchaser elects to retain the waste tire."

F. - J. ...

K. No generator shall allow the removal of waste tires from his place of business by

anyone other than an authorized transporter, unless the generator generates 50 or less waste tires per month from the sale of 50 ~~new~~ tires. In this case, the generator may transport his waste tires to an authorized collection or permitted processing facility provided LAC 33:VII.10523.C is satisfied.

L. A generator who ceases the sale of tires at the registered location shall notify the Office of ~~Management and Finance~~Environmental Services, Financial ServicesPermits Division, within 10 days of the date of the close or relocation of the business. This notice shall include information regarding the location and accessibility of the tire sale and monthly report records.

M. Generators of waste tires shall segregate the waste tires from any ~~usable~~new or used tires offered for sale.

N. - O. ...

P. ~~All generators of waste tires~~Generators other than new tire dealers (e.g., new tire dealers, used tire dealers, salvage yards, and recappers) shall maintain a complete record of purchase invoices, inventory records, and sales invoices for a period of no less than three years. These records shall be open for inspection and/or audit by the administrative authority at all reasonable hours.

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§10521. Standards and Responsibilities of Motor Vehicle Dealers

A. All existing motor vehicle dealers shall notify the Office of Management and Finance, Financial Services Division, of their existence and obtain an identification number. Notification shall be on a form provided by the Office of Management and Finance, Financial Services Division. Any new motor vehicle dealer shall notify the Office of Management and Finance, Financial Services Division, within 30 days of commencement of business operations.

B. Motor vehicle dealers doing business in the state of Louisiana, who sell new vehicles, shall be responsible for the collection from the consumer of the \$2 waste tire fee for each tire upon the sale of each vehicle that has passenger/light truck tires, the \$5 waste tire fee for each tire upon the sale of each vehicle that has medium truck tires, and the \$10 waste tire fee for each tire upon the sale of each off-road vehicle. No fee is collected on the designated spare tire.

C. Motor vehicle dealers shall remit all waste tire fees collected as required by LAC 33:VII.10535.B and C to the department on a monthly basis on or before the twentieth day following the month during which the fees were collected. The fees shall be remitted to the Office of Management and Finance, Financial Services Division. Each such dealer shall also submit a Monthly Waste Tire Fee Report (Form WT02, available from the Office of Management and Finance, Financial Services Division) to the Office of Management and Finance, Financial

Services Division, on or before the twentieth day of each month for the previous month's activity, including months in which no fees were collected. Each motor vehicle dealer is required to make a report and remit the fee imposed by this Section and shall keep and preserve records as may be necessary to readily determine the amount of fee due. Each such dealer shall maintain a complete record of the quantity of vehicles sold, together with vehicle purchase and sales invoices, and inventory records, for a period of no less than three years. These records shall be made available for inspection by the administrative authority at all reasonable hours.

D. Motor vehicle dealers must provide notification to the public sector via a sign, made available by the Office of Management and Finance, Financial Services Division, indicating that:

"All Louisiana motor vehicle dealers selling new vehicles are required to collect a waste tire cleanup and recycling fee from the consumer of \$2 for each tire upon the sale of each vehicle that has passenger/light truck tires, \$5 for each tire upon the sale of each vehicle that has medium truck tires, and \$10 for each tire upon the sale of each off-road vehicle. These fees shall also be collected upon replacement of all recall and adjustment tires. No fee shall be collected on the designated spare tire."

E. The waste tire fee established by R.S. 30:2418 shall be listed on a separate line of the retail sales invoice or buyers order. No tax of any kind shall be applied to this fee.

F. A motor vehicle dealer who ceases the sale of motor vehicles at the registered location shall notify the Office of Management and Finance, Financial Services Division, within 10 days of the date of the close or relocation of the business. This notice shall include information regarding the location and accessibility of the motor vehicle sales and monthly report records.

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§10535. Fees and Fund Disbursement

A. - A.8. ...

B. Waste Tire Fee upon Promulgation of These Regulations. A waste tire fee is hereby imposed on each ~~new~~ tire sold in Louisiana, to be collected from the purchaser by the tire dealer ~~and motor vehicle dealer from the purchaser~~ at the time of retail sale. The fee shall be \$2 for each passenger/light truck tire, \$5 for each medium truck tire, and \$10 for each off-road tire. No fee shall be collected on tires weighing more than 500 pounds or solid tires.

C. - D.10. ...

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§10537. Enforcement

A. ...

B. Investigations and Audits: Purposes, Notice. Investigations shall be undertaken to determine whether a violation has occurred or is about to occur, the scope and nature of the violation, and the identity of the persons or parties involved. Upon written request, the results of an investigation shall be given to any complainant who provided the information prompting the investigation and, if advisable, to any person under investigation, if the identity of such person is known. In cases where persons selling ~~new~~-tires have failed to report and remit the waste tire fee to the administrative authority, and the person's records are inadequate to determine the proper amount of fee due, or in cases(s) where a grossly incorrect report or a report that is false or fraudulent has been filed, the administrative authority shall have the right to estimate and assess the amount of the fee due, along with any interest accrued and penalties. The burden to demonstrate to the contrary shall rest upon the audited entity.

C. - E.2.c. ...

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